

Remarks**Specification**

The Specification has been objected to for having an Abstract with more than 150 words. The Abstract has been amended to address this objection. The Abstract has also been amended to correct a typographical error by changing “sorter” to “shorter”. It is respectfully submitted that such amendment is consistent with the application as filed and does not add any new matter to the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the Specification are respectfully requested.

Claims

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. The indication that claims 1-19 are allowed is greatly appreciated.

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 USC 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 20 also stands rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Pausch et al. (US 5,512,828).

It is respectfully submitted that claim 20 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims 1-19 distinguish patentably and non-obviously over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. An early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

If any fees are due in connection with this Response, the authorization to charge deposit account 14-1270 for the fees associated therewith is hereby provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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